

## Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT,

Philadelphia, 26. Septemb., 1885.

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Hon. D. M. Fox,  
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